

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A process for manufacturing a medicinal and/or [[any]]
an active substance containing product from at least two strip tapes, said process
comprising the steps of:

 drawing a broad web of material in its entire width from a roll of material which is
mounted, mounted loosely rotatable on a take-up mandrel by means of a vacuum roll; and
 conveying [[it]] said broad web of material by means of said vacuum roll to a
multiple circular knife roll;

 separating said broad web of material into individual strips in a negative pressure
zone of said vacuum roll by means of rolling said multiple circular knife roll;

 drawing each of said individual strips from said vacuum roll and introducing each
of said individual strips into a take-up channel;

 conveying each of said individual strips through a vacuum conveyor channel,
whereby each strip is turned said take-up channel;

turning each of said individual strips on its way to said take-up channel or on its
way through said take-up channel by about 90°;

allowing said strips at an end of said take-up channel to lie one upon the other;
and

~~leading said strips together at the end of said channel in such a way that said strips lie on top of each other; and~~

thereafter conveying said strips for further processing,

~~wherein the step of drawing the web from the roll and conveying the web to said multiple circular knife roll is carried through by means of a vacuum roll, said web is separated into individual strips by means of said multiple circular knife on said vacuum roll, and wherein said individual strips are conveyed through said vacuum conveyor take-up channel and led one upon the other by means of a vacuum negative pressure.~~

8. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 7, wherein the further processing of said strips comprises the step of manufacturing from said strips a product selected from the group consisting of medicinal and/or active substance containing products, fillable containers and sealed-margin bags.

9. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 8, wherein dermal or transdermal patches are manufactured.

10. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 8, wherein administration forms for oral application are manufactured.

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11. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 7, wherein a broad web of sheet-like materials is used.

12. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 11, wherein active substance containing sheet-like administration forms are used as said broad web of sheet-like materials.